

Bible Study

Gods Word in Focus



Week Five

Gospel of John

2:1-25

Christ Changes Water to Wine

2:1-10

- **This miracle signifies the new rich wine of the Gospel and it points to the “wine of the new covenant” and the “bread of life” which Jesus provides for his disciples in the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist**
- **It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of time. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God's love and mercy for his people**
- **God's kindness knows no limits. And the ultimate expression of his love is revealed in the person of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He became flesh for our sake, and he died for our redemption, and he rose for our glorification**
- **Do you thirst for God and for the life of holiness he offers?**

Christ Cleanses the Temple

2:13-25

- *What can keep us from the presence of God? Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's action.*
- *The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he brought them through the sea, and finally to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of life embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17 page 122). God gave Moses instruction for worship and for making the Tabernacle, or tent of meeting, which was later replaced by the temple.*
- *The New Testament tells us that these "serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly things" – God's Temple in heaven (Hebrews 8:5 page 1957).*
- *Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of sin and make us living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19 page 1805).*
- *Do you thirst for holiness?*